

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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This application is a § 371 application of PCT/EP2004/002758, which claims priority from DE 10312581.7, filed March 21, 2003, and DE 10312582.5, filed March 21, 2003.

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BACKGROUND

First paragraph following the title:

This invention relates to a valve drive of an internal combustion engine comprising a cylinder head ~~as specified in the preamble of claim 1~~.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

First full paragraph of page 3:

The object of the invention is to create a valve drive ~~having the characteristics specified in the preamble of claim 1, a valve drive~~ in which the cam carrier is reliably held in its position after displacement, irrespective of thermal effects.

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In one embodiment of the invention It is claimed for the invention that this object is attained by means of the characteristics specified in the characterizing part of claim 1, according to which a first axial position of the cam carrier is defined in that a first contact surface rigidly mounted on a cam carrier is in contact with a first contact surface rigidly mounted on a cylinder head.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

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As ~~is to be seen~~ in FIGS. 5, 6, and 7, a stop ball 40 of conventional design is mounted so as to be movable in a radial pocket bore 38. The stop ball 40 is pretensioned by a spiral pressure spring 39 one end of which rests on the bottom of the pocket bore 38 configured as opposing bearing and the other end of which rests on the ball 40, in such a way that the stop ball 40 is pretensioned to press against the radially interior surface of the cam carrier 2.